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Know not what record of sin exists in the
river world; but this I do know, that I never saw
a man so clean as a man because he was poor,
because he was ignorant, or because he was black.
—John A. Andrew.

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"WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY."

From the Seal of North Adams.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 1, '96.

TO MR. REED'S FRIENDS.

It is emphatically the time for Mr. Reed's friends to be cool, to be hopeful, to be firm. The news from Vermont and Illinois brought the greatest danger to Mr. Reed's candidacy, not in the mere number of delegates added to the McKinley column, but in its possible effect upon his supporters. Any wavering now will be fatal to the presidential chances of the great man from Maine. Firmness and hopefulness at this critical time, high trust in the great leader of the Republican party, may be the turning point that will culminate in Mr. Reed's victory at St. Louis.

Let the friends of Mr. Reed take good care to keep their heads at this time when the tide seems to be setting so strongly for Mr. McKinley. It is often darkest just before the dawn.

One particular danger to Mr. Reed's cause is now showing itself in certain Republican quarters—the spirit of petulance and ill-temper because of Mr. McKinley's successes. Discredit of Mr. McKinley and a spirit of belittling the Ohio man is apparent. Seemingly because of his victories, he is being subjected to taunting criticism, and that, too, by certain Republican leaders and newspapers. This is poor politics. It is hurting Mr. Reed's prospects more than it is hurting Mr. McKinley. And it is for this reason. If Mr. Reed is to be nominated it will be till after McKinley's great following at St. Louis is satisfied that the Ohio man is best.

Then, the second choice of the McKinley men would absolutely dictate the choice of the nominees. This support must be gained by the candidate who is to be successful after McKinley. Mr. Reed must have this support to win.

Now, then what is good politics for the Reed men at this time? To be bitter, and sour, and crabbed because of a few signal McKinley victories before the convention, and so create a bitterness between the Reed men and McKinley men, which would prevent the McKinley forces coming to Mr. Reed in any event? Is this good politics?

Or is the wise and discreet plan to remember that harsh criticism of any great Republican leader is poor party ethics at all times? To remember that New England wants and must have to be successful the good will of the McKinley men, and so, by good nature, by fair conduct, by keeping back any unkind or querulous or uncalled for criticism of the Ohio man and his friends make it easy for the McKinley forces to swing into the Reed column? Isn't this good politics for Mr. Reed's friends?

The fact is, if Mr. McKinley cannot meet all comers and a combined opposition at St. Louis, he cannot be nominated. The history of national conventions shows that this feat has been very rarely accomplished by any candidate. Mr. McKinley will find it difficult to accomplish. In case he fails, the natural drift, the logical drift of his strength should be directly to Mr. Reed. The two men's names are linked closely with the same great principles, together they have carried through congress the great tariff measure of the Republican party, they have been and are personal friends—Mr. Reed appointing his present rival to the leadership of the house in the fifty-first congress.

With these facts clearly before Mr. Reed's friends, there is one course to be avoided most scrupulously, one danger to guard against most strenuously—the creation of the least feeling of bitterness toward Mr. Reed in the McKinley camp. The avoidance of any harshness at this time. Mr. Reed's friends can work as hard for him in generous, open, free-for-all spirit, as in any other, and to better purpose.

The followers of Mr. Reed with his splendid record, with his reputation of personal and mental force even above that of his rival's with the history of his unequalled service to his party on the floor of Congress, should not be vexed into an unwelcome course by the present McKinley victories. Pursuing a broad-gauged plan of campaign and with undaunted courage in their favorite, the followers of Mr. Reed may yet strongly hope that in the various chances of a great convention, the Republican party at St. Louis will find it most expedient to turn to the man from Maine to lead the Republican party in a national campaign as they have known him so wisely to lead the party at Washington. And this event is only possible on condition that no bitterness be engendered among the followers of rival candidates.

NOT WORTH PUBLISHING.

Probably the most extensive system of official lying and deceit in existence has its headquarters with the Spanish authorities at Havana. With absolute censorship of every Cuban newspaper and control of every means of sending as well as gathering news in Cuba, the Spanish officials are trying to throw dust in the eyes of the whole world as to the real situation there. The Spanish government supports at Havana the most gigantic bureau for the dissemination of lies and falsehoods that exists. The Russian Czar's censorship and coloring of news reports is mild in comparison.

The news that comes from Havana (not Key West) is not generally worth the paper it covers. The dispatches monotonously and invariably read something like this: "The Spanish general Martin Dago has met and routed a column under Maceo at Guaimayo. The rebels lost 73 killed, a great number of wounded and many arms. The Spanish had three wounded, one seriously." Columns of just such dispatches have come into the TRANSCRIPT office and keep coming. We promptly consign these woe-ful lies every afternoon to the waste basket.

We may judge of the truthfulness of these Spanish-connected dispatches by the record of news sent out from Cuba by the Spanish authorities in the previous Cuban war, 1895-78. During that struggle a careful account was kept of the Cuban losses officially reported by the Spanish. At the end of the war the totals were 395,556 killed, 728,490 wounded and 451,100 prisoners—a grand total of 1,575,146. And the entire population of the island was only 1,250,000!

Spanish Cuban dispatches are not worth publishing. Moreover, we do not call the patriots of Cuba, "rebels." We hope and pray for the success of their cause, and it is to our country's shame that the awful record of pillage and crime and cruelty continues in the fair island of Cuba.

Members of the Royal Arcanum will take a deep interest in the undertaking of hospital work for that organization in this state. In this connection the theatricals for the benefit of the Royal Arcanum Hospital Association, which are to be given every evening and Saturday afternoon of the week beginning May 15, in Tremont Theatre, Boston, promise to be, it is said, even a greater success than was anticipated by the most enthusiastic members of the order. It is hoped that the profits from these entertainments will be sufficiently large to allow the Association to begin negotiations at once with the regularly established hospitals throughout Massachusetts, looking to the making of contracts for the care of sick or disabled members of the Royal Arcanum, the expense of such care to be borne by the Royal Arcanum Hospital Association, thus discharging good all over the state. Information of any expecting to attend can be obtained by addressing Royal Arcanum, 175 Tremont St., Boston.

A evident petulance and ill temper created because of McKinley's triumphs in Vermont and Illinois, as shown by such friends of Mr. Reed as the Springfield Republican, is the most harmful course possible to the Maine man's interest. Jawing and spitting at McKinley's present sport will not make friends for Mr. Reed where he most needs them—in the McKinley camp. There should be no bitterness on the part of Reed men toward McKinley men, if Mr. Reed is to win. Leave the easy road open for McKinley men to turn in when the Ohio man's chances have lessened and his followers are seeking a new leader.

THE EDITOR'S SHEARS.

FOR TODAY.

OUR COTTAGE.
Our cottage has but tenants four—my wife, my son and I.
And a half human shepherd dog that money cannot buy.
The furniture is old and quaint, and in a rustic loom
We beat the rays of many hues that carpets every room.

But, humble though the dwelling be,
There's peace and joy without within,
And in a blessed air without no taint of city
Lut vagrant ostentation play in gilded halls its part.
Our house a palace is for me—a palace of the heart.

Although I am inured to work and tanned a russet brown,
I would not cringe to any king that ever wore a crown.
And so all these freeman's lungs with wholesome mountain air
I envy not the sons of pomp their fashionable glare.

"Tis said "Fine feathers make fine birds"
If so not such are we;
Our plumage though not rough or coarse,
Is plain as plain can be.

No French modistes their calling ply among our rugged hills;
No tailors like our modest means with parvo-depleting bills.

We care not for the price of stocks, nor if they fall or rise,
And while lipped Panic comes not near our rustic paradise.
We have enough for all our needs, because our needs are few,
And, playing all who false lives lead, we try to lead the true.

—W. R. Barber in New York Ledger.

WHEN THE CARPET'S UP.
Tacks, tacks, tacks,
On the cold gray bedroom floor,
And I would that my tongue dare utter
The thoughts that in me roar.

O, will for the bachelor free,
As he spoons 'neath the gashlight dim,
That he cannot look ahead and see
The tacks which are waiting for him.

But my stately wife sleeps on
In her haven under the quilt,
With never a thought in her innocent head
Of the tacks she carelessly spilt.

Tacks, tacks, tacks,
At the foot of the folding bed
Are some of the joys that house-cleaning time
Brings to the man that is wed.

—Chicago Record.

G. A. R. Benevolent Association.

The annual meeting of the G. A. R. Benevolent Association of North Adams will be held in Catalinick's hall Monday evening. The election of officers will be held in accordance with the provision of the charter, that the annual meeting and election of officers shall be held the first Monday in May.

Garbage Men Appointed.

The board of health has awarded the contract for garbage gathering to Buck and Ketchum. The specifications and regulations governing the collecting refuse for the city this year will be rigidly enforced. Any neglect on the part of the garbage men to fulfill their duties should be immediately reported to the board of health.

Fitchburg Railroad.

Corrected Dec. 15, 1895.

Trains Leave North Adams going East—12.17, 12.18, 7.22, 7.23, 11.44 a. m.; 2.27, 12.10 p. m.
Gang V. 12.18, 10.08 a. m.; 12.10, 1.34, 5.00 p. m.
Trains Arrive from East—10.08 a. m.; 12.10, 1.34, 5.00, 12.10, 11.40, 12.10 p. m.
From West—12.17, 12.18, 7.22, 7.23, 11.44, 12.10, 1.34, 5.00 p. m.

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ness Ventures--

Notes.

"A GREYLOCK PULPIT."

A Novel System to be Started by Rev. A. B. Penniman.

Rev. Alfred B. Penniman, pastor of the Congregational and Institutional church is endeavoring to effect the weekly publication of his sermons and should his efforts terminate in success, the circular will make his first appearance in July. Mr. Penniman in a circular just issued gives the reasons for his departure:

"There are many reasons which have led me to leave the obstacles in the way of publishing this series of sermons. Surrounded as I am, with extensive machinery for what is called 'Institutional church work,' I desire to emphasize by every possible means the regal inspiration which should come from the living and spoken truth. Having already in use a somewhat elaborate order of worship, multiplied organizations, a parish house with gymnasium and amusement rooms, a young men's literary society, all good channels or side channels for energy, the pulpit may as a herald, speak to the alien or indifferent life of the community and induce interest by means of the impersonal page. In the brief time allotted to the sermon there is much condensation, which is not in vain, if opportunity for review or slow reading be given to the people by a plan of this kind. I see a further reason in the opportunity to receive old friendship. One who has changed his residence, whether it be to exchange the old homestead for the college or college for the world, or one church or town for another, whatever his gains, must keenly feel the loss of separation. Perhaps my sermons may be a long, rough pole, by means of which I can save a drowning friend. Audiences preach more than preachers. A sympathetic reading as well as an appreciative listening interest ought to inspire the preacher to do better or take less responsibility."

Mr. Penniman intends to make the title of his publication "A Greylock Pulpit," and in so doing, gives the following very pretty description of the mountain peak: "Please note that the series is christened not 'The' but 'A Greylock Pulpit.' The Title was not conceitedly chosen, but rather forced upon me by Greylock mountain itself. The base begins beneath its foot and rises to a height of 4000 feet of beauty and strength. On a clear day five states, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut can be seen from this summit. Greylock is Berkshire's Mount Zion. If 'mountain' is always freeman, 'mountain' preachers ought to be free preachers. This Tacoma mountain has been the object of much contention among geologists. However, their polemic was of the last decade. Theological strife is also happily passing and the church of today has begun in earnest the study of geology. Greylock has lately been made a type by geologists. The churches of our valley are conforming to a higher type shown also in the same mount. Please stand a moment on the mountain top with me. Yonder is Stockbridge, the exile home of Jonathan Edwards and the birthplace of his most distinguished pupil, James H. Fairbank, who truly says 'We must go on converting men.' Over here is a plain log hut it had Mark Hopkins on one end of it, and Garfield on the other. Personality is almost everything. Down there is Lenox and an old tree called the 'Elin Queen,' beneath whose graceful branches rested a hero, late in the fifties, before slavery demanded that his summer rest should be broken, or taken nearer to the heat of battle. That hero is Henry Ward Beecher. Another hermit, who once endured the timid servants of the Lord by saying 'Oh, the power of bird-shot, when the Lord holds the muzzle.' You would not allow me to omit that on this height you can understand how some missions extended from a group of boys under a haystack to lands beyond the sea. To the southeast is Cambridge, and the wild roadway of doubt over which young Bryant saw the immortal flight of a water-fowl. We boast of flow, rime, and Holmes, and Longfellow. You have read Mungers 'Freedom of Faith' and 'Appeal to Life.' Their foundations were laid there at North Adams, where Washington Gladden lived. What shall I more say? Time would fail me to speak of the hero and monument of Bennington battle ground, of those who moved mountains by the Hoosac tunnel, and of our gigantic manufacturing establishments. I shall not forget Dr. Todd and old Dr. Humphrey, who, I am told, 'subdued kingdoms' and 'stopped the mouths of lions.'"

"Remember old Greylock was the American Indian's first refuge, when pursued as a Philistine by the people of a promised land. Across these rugged ledges at night the fugitive slave sped northward, when vested valley and church interests afforded him little aid in his flight to Canada. Greylock still stands for ethics, divine and human; Divine, since its summit is cloud-capped and cool; human, because its long, strong arms are underneath the busy population at its base. If we were living up to our privilege, no irreverence could be suggested by mingling the Hebrew style and Greylock spirit: 'Oh, Adams, that bringeth good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain. Oh, Berkshire, that bringeth good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid, say unto the people of America, behold your God.'"

JEUMPED ON THE HORSE'S BACK

The horses attached to Bottler George A. Maser's large delivery wagon, ran

away about noon Thursday, starting from the Greylock National bank and running down Myrtle and Pleasant streets. Near the Central house, John Bacon, Jr., a boarder ran behind the wagon and jumping in sprang upon the back of one of the horses and stopped the pair. No damage was done.

THE SPEAKERS SELECTED

For the Coming Banquet of the Adams Fire Department.

The committee in charge of the coming banquet in honor of the Alert hose company's twentieth anniversary which occurs May 19 next Thursday evening and decided to ask these gentlemen to speak: L. L. Brown, the fire department's first chief engineer; A. B. Mole, the first foreman and F. H. B. Munson, the first secretary of the company; James Renfrew, W. B. Plunkett, David D. Bowen, James P. Magenis, Eliza Burlingame, President of the Senate Lawrence, James C. Chalmers, F. W. Spaulding, W. P. Beckwith, Fred R. Shaw, W. B. Green, Daniel Upton, Calvin Richmond, J. C. Anthony, James R. Pickett, H. O. Hicks, F. E. Mole, R. N. Richmond, C. F. Smith, William O'Brien, John Ingraham and E. F. Phillips. Tickets were distributed among the firemen and they will begin selling them at once. The committee considered the matter of opening the gallery of the opera house for ladies.

SETTLED AT LAST.

The Wrangling Finally Ended and Licenses Granted.

The selectmen awarded the remaining two liquor licenses, over which there was so much wrangling, Tuesday evening, as follows: Kirohner & Scholz, Herman Hall, Spring street; Charles Le Riche, corner of Pleasant and Spring streets. The Herman Hall firm comprises August Kirohner and Emil Scholz. Henry F. Barrett's license was transferred from Myrtle street to Renfrew. All the new places opened today.

ANOTHER STRIKE.

Not Union Troubles this Time. They Want More Pay.

Seven men employed in hoisting machinery at the new Berkshire mill quit work Wednesday and demanded more pay. The men received eleven cents an hour and working fifty-eight hours a week. Their wages amounted to \$1.08 a day. Their places have not yet been filled.

POLICE STATION SITE.

The police station committee met in Judge Bixby's office Thursday evening to act on the report which will be submitted to the town. They decided upon the plot of ground in the rear of the town building for a site, and at a final meeting Saturday evening, plans and specifications for the new building, which will be of the latest pattern and with the most improved conveniences, will be decided upon.

TWO BUSINESS VENTURES.

J. M. Frost, who has for a long time conducted the meat market of his brother A. L. Frost, on Park street, has opened a shop for himself in the basement of D. R. Smith's block on Center street. Thomas and Robert Nimons, two prominent young citizens will start in the tea business next week under the firm name of Nimons brothers.

THE MEMORIAL BUILDING.

The Memorial building committee met at the town hall Thursday evening and appointed this committee to select a site and report at a meeting to be called any time they may desire. W. P. Beckwith, F. W. Spaulding, Dr. D. E. Thayer, F. E. Mole, Henry L. Harrington, James C. Chalmers and William C. Ainslie.

HOSE EXHIBITION.

Chief engineer Henry A. Jones of the fire department, will exhibit on the square at the junction of Myrtle, Commercial and Center streets, Saturday afternoon, the Siamese triple-way hose, invented by himself. The exhibition is sure to be an interesting one and will probably be witnessed by many people.

GODFRIED LANGNER.

Godfried Langner formerly of this town died at Greylock Thursday after a short illness. His funeral will occur from the home of his son on Beech street Saturday afternoon.

The St. Jean Baptiste society's fair will be resumed this evening and many articles will be awarded.

Rev. Fr. Kenney of Pittsfield will preach the sermon at the Sacred Heart league's services in St. Charles church this evening.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Esther Place was held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Julia Avery at Zylonite at three o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Mr. Boyce officiating. Interment was at Bellevue cemetery.

The Berkshire Dramatic society will hold their first concert and hop at the opera house Friday evening.

The first concert and social of the local branch of the National Loomfexer's association will be held at the opera house this evening. Mitchell & Carr, the colored minstrels, will be the principal attraction. Palmer's orchestra will play for the dance and Duffy of Pittsfield will prompt. A special electric car will run to North Adams at 3 o'clock Saturday morning.

C. E. Deyo & Son opened their bottling establishment in J. M. Montgomery's building on Pleasant street today.

The ladies of the Universalist society will present an old-time merry-making at the opera house Friday evening, May 8, at 8 o'clock. The following program will be rendered: Winding of the May pole by the little ones; the Gypsy Milkmaid, flower and other fancy dances. Mr. William Brice will dance the highland fling in costume. General dancing will follow and refreshments will be served. Peter McBride, who has signed to pitch for the Newport, R. I., base ball nine, will leave to join the team Wednesday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Bradshaw Thursday night.

The Father Mathew Temperance society's regular monthly meeting will be held in Temperance hall on Sunday. Lafayette band expects to receive its new uniform this week.

Dr. A. K. Boon has a new buggy.

The new police officers go on duty tonight.

The new storehouse of the Berkshire cotton company is ready for the roof. Messrs. Morrissy & Shea are pushing work rapidly on the new St. Charles church.

CHESHIRE.

The Hoosac Valley house will not be taken by the new landlord till some time next week, or when Mr. Blush obtains new furniture for the house. The barber shop of Henry Roncoe was broken into Thursday night by thieves who made their entrance by breaking a pane of glass. His sign-pole and a few small articles were taken.

The funeral services of Mrs. J. G. Northrup were largely attended. The casket was covered with flowers, showing the lasting respect for her memory.

Charles Getman will build a few feet to the front of his store, and will put in a line of groceries in addition to his candy and cigar trade.

The reservoir is full and has to be kept down to avoid the washing of the track. Miss Minnie Chapman has returned from a stay at New York and New Jersey.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

SPECIAL FIRE DIST. MEETING.

At the special meeting of the fire district, held in Waterman & Moore's opera house Thursday afternoon, W. L. Crozier was chosen chief of the hose company. An appropriation of some over \$2000 was made. A committee was appointed to ascertain the amount of damage done Water street by the overflow of water last spring.

The dust is very thick the entire length of Main street and Cole avenue. Where is the street sprinkler?

There will be a graphophone entertainment in the Congregational lecture room this evening at 8 o'clock. Admission 20 and 10 cents.

Dr. A. M. Smith attended the annual meeting of the Berkshire Medical association in Pittsfield Thursday afternoon.

Harvard will play Williams on Weston field Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Gravel is being drawn on Southworth avenue and the street railway is being repaired.

The second assembly dance was held in Grange hall Thursday evening.

The junior rhetoricals for the moonlight speaking contest were held Thursday evening, in Alumni Hall, at 8 o'clock. Drs. Lefavour and Peck and Prof. Morton were the judges.

Norman L. Sweet, 79 years of age, died at his home in South Williamstown, Tuesday, of catarrhal pneumonia, after an illness of two weeks. Mr. Sweet was born in South Williamstown, and for many years has occupied the old farm near the Sherwood school house. Mr. Sweet is survived by one son. The funeral occurred Thursday afternoon at South Williamstown.

READSBORO ITEMS.

—G. M. Bemis has gone into the meat business.

—The Goodell house is receiving a new coat of paint.

—N. B. Flood of North Adams was in town Tuesday.

—M. O. Hicks lost one of his stable horses Monday.

—Rev. C. E. Cahase is able to be out of doors once more.

—Mrs. A. G. Fay is able to be around the house once more.

—Miss Maud Wilson is quite sick at her home in Whitingham.

—C. J. Bailey was up from Hoosac Tunnel two days last week.

—C. H. Faulkner rides a new wheel purchased of H. E. Parsons.

—D. M. Wheeler of Worcester was in town the first of the week.

—N. Bosquet has been quite seriously sick but is better at this writing.

—J. E. Sheldon purchased a nice four-year-old horse Monday. It is a good one.

—J. G. Brown of Shelburne Falls visited over Sunday with his brother, M. W. Brown.

—Byron Boyd is happy in the possession of a new bicycle which he purchased of L. H. Crozier's agency.

—T. D. Goodell attended the banquet of the board of trade at North Adams Friday evening.

—Mrs. Ira Mason of Plainfield, Mass., is stopping with her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Parsons.

—S. B. Dibble and P. G. Carpenter were in town last week Wednesday and Thursday.

—Edward Madison of North Adams was in town Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Phoebe Hicks went to North Adams Tuesday on a visit to friends and relatives.

—Harrington's newspaper and job printing office has a new sign up, the work of William Chittenden.

—Frank Harris and wife have moved to town from Heath. Mr. Harris is a brother of Mrs. Antonio Cretty.

—H. E. Parsons has sold six bicycles thus far this season and expects to sell at least another half dozen.

—Miss Lottie Cahase has been in Washington for several weeks and will spend the summer in that vicinity, so we learn.

—Twenty-three traveling men have stopped at the Goodell house the past week besides a good many who did not register.

—Several invited guests enjoyed a sugar eat at G. M. Bemis' Friday evening. Snow is still obtainable though it requires some little effort.

—The Baptist church bell will ring at 9 o'clock Sunday mornings in the future. This will remind everyone of what they ought to do.

—J. E. Sheldon has his new blacksmith shop nearly finished. Part of the shop will be used for woodworking and the rest will be used for blacksmithing.

—The litters will hold a grievance meeting May 3 and all who think they have been used unfairly are expected to be present and present their case.

that of Henry Douglas is greatly improved in appearance by its new dress of colors.

—Edward Jewell has given his son-in-law, E. O. Harris, a deed of all his property and Mr. Harris will take care of Mr. Jewell and wife through the remainder of their lives.

—Three fishermen tried their luck in Newton's pond Saturday and one of them set his fish pole. He left it for a few minutes and when he returned the pole was out in the middle of the pond with a fish attached. The only mystery about it is, what kind of bait did he use to tempt such big fish. Or, is this just a fish story?

—The case of Julia H. Burnham against Will Burnham for divorce now being tried at Greenfield is of local interest. The parties were married in Readsboro a few years ago and Mr. Burnham was in town a great deal with his brother Fred. Mr. Burnham is in parts unknown and Mrs. Burnham seeks a divorce for non-support.

—The Readsboro city band held a social dance at Monroe Bridge Friday evening which was attended by about twenty-five couples. Music was furnished by the Readsboro orchestra of nine pieces and a pleasant time was had. The Monroe Bridge people did their share to make the dance a success but there was not a large attendance from this village.

—Jason P. Lord, who is now very sick at his home in South Readsboro, was one of the selectmen of Readsboro during war time. A. N. Hicks of Cambridge, Mass., writes that at the time he enlisted—September, 1892—the selectmen were, Silas Mason, Appollas Bailey and J. P. Lord, and of these all are alive except Mr. Bailey. Mr. Mason is still in vigorous health, but Mr. Lord is well above eighty and in very feeble health. There are not many of these officials alive at the present time which shows that time has not dealt kindly with most of them.

—Tuesday Joseph Jarvis sold the Winslow J. Dix house situated a short distance below his residence to E. Barre. Mr. Barre will now have a home of his own.

MONROE.

Miss Angie Ballou has gone to Greenfield to spend a few weeks.

Mrs. S. R. Tower and children are visiting at Austerlitz, N. Y.

Emmet Bassett has taken Henry Turner's farm to work on shares.

The West school commenced last week Tuesday with Miss Ferrill of Waltham as teacher.

E. J. Stafford visited friends in Bennington last week.

Mr. Thompson of Bennington who has been spending the winter in town returned to his home Saturday of last week.

Rev. H. W. Chamberlin, wife and daughter, visited Rev. R. F. Alger in Readsboro, Vt., Friday.

R. S. Tower is taking a vacation and is visiting with friends in New York.

Whoever knew the snow to leave so quickly and the ground dried sufficiently to put in seeds as it has this spring?

Joseph Wright of Dalton is making a flying visit in town calling on old friends and visiting his grandmother Mrs. Katharine Davis.

Miss Ella Sherman is home from Greenfield for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Sherman visited in Charlemont this week Friday and Saturday.

MONROE BRIDGE.

W. R. Goldthwaite of Readsboro, was in town Sunday.

James Ramage of Holyoke was in town the past week.

Miss Minnie Fay is working for Mrs. W. Kingsley.

George LaBelle of Readsboro has finished work for the Ramage paper company.

Angie Ballou has returned to her work in Greenfield.

Mrs. Lottie Brown has finished work for Mrs. W. Kingsley and has returned to her home in Readsboro to attend school.

Mrs. B. E. Goldthwaite is working for Mrs. William Turner.

Bertha Goldthwaite spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Williams in Readsboro.

D. Oak and W. Moors are working for W. Kingsley.

HOOSAC TUNNEL.

Loe Aldrich and Isa C. Williams have opened dress-making and millinery rooms in the new Newman block. Special attention is given to morning callers.

Miss Min Fay has returned from Whitingham.

Mrs. Frank Becker of Kinderhook, N. Y., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Galbraith.

Mrs. M. M. Hogan and family have gone to New York for a few weeks.

FLORIDA.

The Ladies' Aid society has bought new cushions for the Baptist church and will meet this week to arrange for the cleaning of the house, decide on repairs of stoves, etc., and give the church edifice a regulation spring freshening.

Will Hicks has moved into the tenement vacated by Mr. Saunders in Benis block.

Mr. Partridge has moved to the tenement owned by Mrs. Mason.

L. Gould will soon move his family to Northampton where he has found work on the electric road.

The Partridge's are doing a thriving business. Their yard is full to overflowing with white birch and it is still coming in.

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE.

To All Persons Liable to Pay Taxes in the City of North Adams Mass., for the Current Year.

The assessors of said city of North Adams hereby give notice to all persons liable to pay taxes therein, that their office on second floor of the North Adams Savings Bank building on Main street, will be open on Monday, May 4, 1896, from 9 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 5 p. m. and from 7 to 9 p. m., and all persons liable to pay taxes in said city are required to bring to us, during said time, and at said office, true and correct lists of all polls, schedules and estimates of all real and personal property for which they are liable to pay taxes.

When a person has failed to bring in a list of said taxable property in conformity with this notice, no abatement of taxes assessed upon such person for personal property, can be granted, unless such taxes exceed by more than fifty per cent the amount which would have been assessed to that person on said property, if he had seasonably and in conformity with this notice, brought in said list; and if said taxes exceed by more than 50 per cent the said amount, the abatement shall be only of the excess above the 50 per cent.—Public Statutes, Chapter 11, Section 73.

Persons holding estates in trust, whether for minors or otherwise, and executors and administrators of unsettled estates, are especially

